

STARS CHILD CARE TRAINING

Beginning in 2002, WSU King County Extension started providing training to childcare providers. In 2005, we expanded to include two sites: Renton and Bothell. The program, collaboration between Snohomish and King Counties, offers training approved to meet the Washington STARS (State Training and Registration System) 10-hour annual training requirement for child-



care providers. This year we significantly changed the way we marketing this program and revised our record-keeping process. Initial evaluations indicate that the changes are cost-effective and time-efficient. Our tracking is more reliable and the program manager has program information more readily available to her than in the past few years.

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve the quality of childcare for Washington's children by training their caregivers.

2005 Trainings and Impacts:

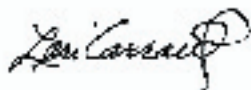
Saturday workshops were offered, 10 in Renton, 9 in Shoreline	= 19
Hours of training offered (3.5 X 19)	= 66.5 hrs.
Registrations	= 254
Participants who completed a session/evaluation form	= 217
Percent of females participating	= 98.5%
African Americans Participating	= 31
Latinos Participating	= 19
Asians Participating	= 11
Contact hours (# participants X 3.5 hours)	= 759.5 hrs



Each session is 3.5 hours in length and employs state-of-the-art adult learning principles. All facilitators hold at least a Master's Degree in a related discipline. New this year was bringing collaboration between two programs: STARS Training and King County Extension Food Safety Program. B. Susie Craig, Ph.D., from the King County Extension provided a very high quality workshop on Food Safety, and was received very well by participants.

We conducted pre- and post-class knowledge assessments for each session. Participants in the Winter 2005 Series indicate that their knowledge increased by a mean of 3.185 points (31.85%) on a ten-point scale (691.25 points/217 evaluations = 3.185).

For 2006, participants request classes on: Child Development, Curriculum Issues, Stress Management and Child Guidance. Plans are currently underway to include those classes.



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